REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 57 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5 - 8 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Craig *et al.* ('574). Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Leger *et al.* ('359). Claim 29 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Feldman ('098). Claims 2, 13 – 17 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Craig *et al.* ('574) in view of Stultz *et al.* ('756). Claims 30 and 41 – 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feldman ('098) in view of Craig *et al.* ('574). Claims 3, 9 and 18 – 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 29 - 45 and 47 - 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 31 – 45 and 47 – 51 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 52 – 56 were allowed.

By this response, Claims 1, 13, 29, and 46 have been amended to include a limitation directed to a spatial filter. Likewise, the method claim (Claim 57) has been amended to include a limitation directed to spatial filtering. These amendments are intended to bring the remaining claims into conformity with the apparent reasons for allowability with respect to Claim 52, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. The indication of allowable subject is gratefully acknowledged.

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Accordingly, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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